

**A NOTE ON GIBBIUM PSYLLOIDES CZEMP.
(PTINIDÆ, COL.)**

This species was collected June 2, 1953 in an apartment house in Trenton, N. J., on carpets. It appeared only during the night and was mildly annoying rather than troublesome. William M. Boyd of Trenton, N. J., has specimens in his collection labelled, "New Brunswick, N. J., in flower seeds from California," and Dr. Mont A. Cazier has advised me that the specimens in the collection of The American Museum of Natural History are labelled "New York City" and "Puerto Rico."

Although this "hump beetle" has a world-wide distribution and is seldom of economic importance it is very poorly recorded in the literature of American entomology, in spite of the fact that it occurs in houses and warehouses, in cereals, cake, yeast, cotton and other seeds, hay, drugs, casein, food products, etc. In the literature of American economic entomology from 1860 to 1947, as compiled by Henshaw, Banks, Colcord and Hawes, there are only six references to it, one in 1886 by Riley recording the species in old hay, one in the index for 1915-1919, three in the index for 1935-1939 and one in the 1945-1947 index. Blatchley and Leng, each record it as occurring from Virginia to California. Even though it is a cosmopolitan species it seems desirable to have some definite locality records in the literature.

In Loding's "Catalogue of the Beetles of Alabama" (1945) it is recorded from Mobile County in drugs; in Leonard's "Insects of New York," from the Produce Exchange, New York City; and in Brimley's "Insects of North Carolina" from Raleigh, in grain, casein and other food products, January to May, and September.

The species may be represented more abundantly in various private and public collections than in entomological literature. Its small size and nocturnal habits may have saved it from publicity.—Harry B. Weiss.